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Testimony for the Appropriations Hearing/Department of Housing/February 17, 2017

Senator Osten, Senator Formica, Representative Walker,

Representative Ziobron and Members of the Committee.


I became homeless last year because the bank foreclosed on the apartment building. I lived in my car until November 2016. FISH gave me a bed in the shelter. Since then I've had time to secure employment. I'm currently looking for housing. I've been able to get my car out of repossession status because of my being at the FISH shelter.

I'm so grateful to have a safe place to eat and sleep. Otherwise I would be on the streets, still unemployed, with no car (because it would have been repossessed) and my credit ruined.

Please support the funding necessary in keeping the FISH Homeless Shelter open to people like me who literally had nowhere else to go other than sleeping on the streets.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Corrine O

FISH Shelter Resident